



310th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)



History

The 310th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC) traces its lineage back to the 310th Logistical Command, which was constituted on 29 August 1950 in the Organized Reserve Corps at Fort Myer, Virginia. Headquarters and Headquarters Company 310th was assigned to the Second Army (later re-designated as the Second United States Army).

The Command then underwent many reorganizations and re-designations and in 1986 emerged as the 310th Theater Army Area Command where they provided Theater Level Command and Control Headquarters for echelons above Corps units in the functional areas of supply, maintenance, and services. They worked closely with Headquarters, U.S. Army, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and the United Kingdom. They trained with forward deployed Active Component forces in these countries in operations such as the "Return of US Forces Germany (REFORGER)" exercises until the "fall of the Berlin Wall" in November 1989, which began the drawdown realignment of their force structure to 2006.

On 16 September 2007, the 310th ESC was activated. The Soldiers previously assigned to the 21st Theater Sustainment Command (TSC), which de-activated in August 2007, were transitioned to the 310th ESC. The 310th ESC is one of eight ESCs assigned to the Army Reserve.

The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 310th Field Army Support Command on 8 May 1973. The insignia was re-designated, effective 16 September 2007, for the 310th Sustainment Command.

The shoulder sleeve insignia was originally approved for the 310th Logistical Command on 26 January 1956. It was re-designated for the 310th Field Army Support Command on 23 August 1968. Then it was re-designated for the 310th Support Command (Theater Army Area) on 10 May 1982.

In March 2011, the 310th ESC deployed to Iraq and Kuwait. The Soldiers of the 310th ESC provided sustainment to forces conducting stability operations, while simultaneously executing the responsible drawdown and force protection in order to support the transition to the Department of State and government of Iraq. The 310th ESC established and executed superior combat service support in support of Operation New Dawn.

In October of 2014, the 310th ESC mobilized to Fort Hood, Texas and took responsibility for coordinating sustainment support to all III Corps units across the Corps' area of responsibility.

Direct Reporting Units



55th Sust. BDE



398th FIN MGMT CTR



38th RSG



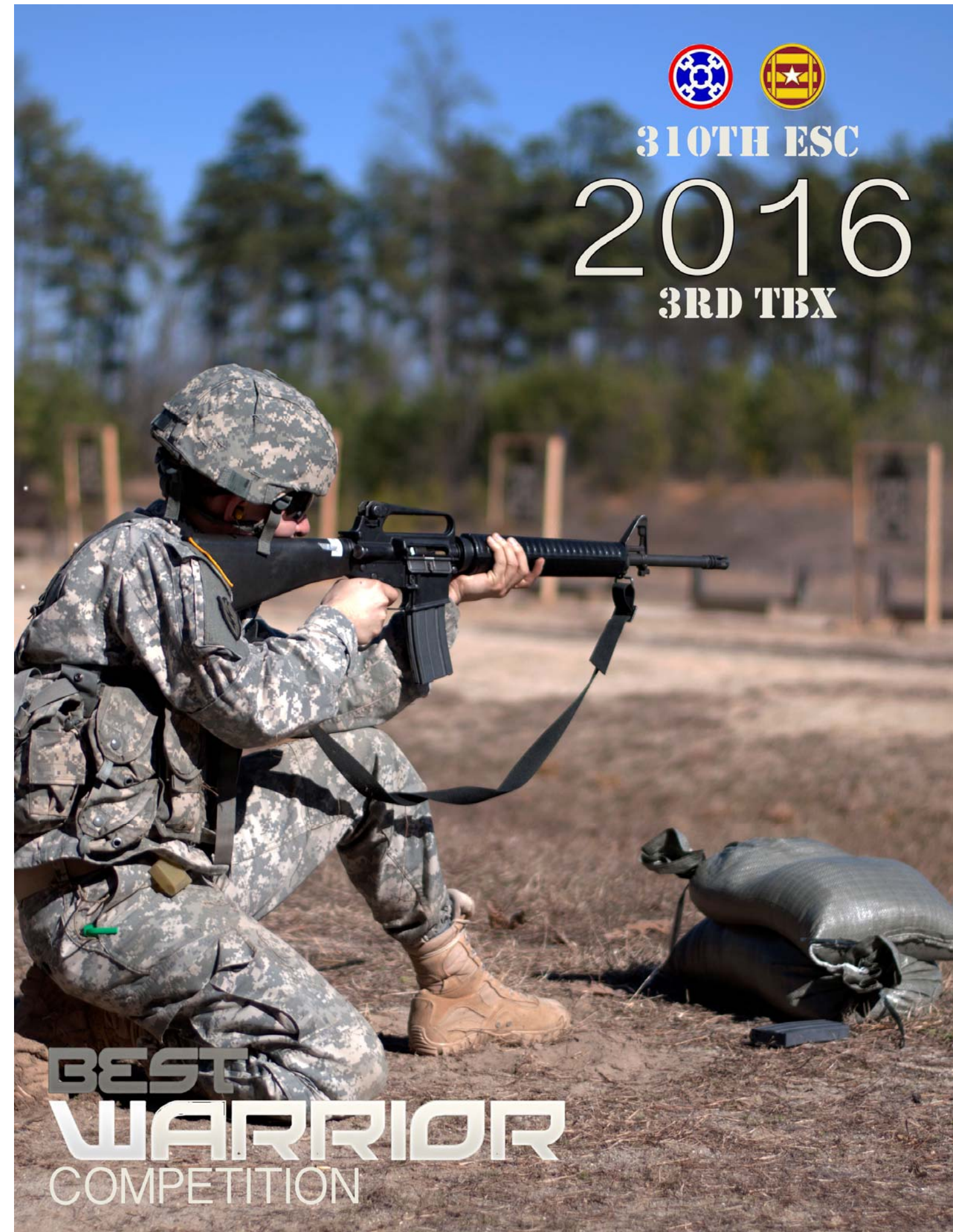
22 MH DET (TM A)



643rd RSG



HHC, 310th ESC



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The PATCH

The 310th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) shoulder patch consists of a blue disk edged with a red and white border, on which are superimposed four white chains crossed diagonally and linked to a central white ring. The four chains linked to the central ring symbolize the control and dispatch of supplies to various areas of Operation.



The CREST

The 310th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) crest is a gold-colored metal and enamel device. It bore at the center a gray enamel Confederate cavalry hat with plume on a white enamel diagonal cross. The cross' lower ends pass under the hat, while the upper ends extend slightly beyond a gold, all enclosing, triple-folded Scroll inscribed 'Victory Through Support.'

The plumed Confederate cavalry hat alludes to Colonel John S. Mosby, Confederate States of America, and his Raiders, after whom the John Singleton Mosby Army Reserve Center was named. The Diagonal cross is a symbol of support. Such a cross also appeared on the Confederate Battle Flag, and, in this instance, refers to Northern Virginia, the area in which Mosby and his Rangers operated. Red, white and blue are the national colors.





THE NCO CREED

No one is more professional than I. I am a noncommissioned officer, a leader of Soldiers. As a noncommissioned officer, I realize that I am a member of a time honored corps, which is known as "The Backbone of the Army". I am proud of the Corps of noncommissioned officers and will at all times conduct myself so as to bring credit upon the Corps, the military service and my country regardless of the situation in which I find myself. I will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit, or personal safety.

Competence is my watchword. My two basic responsibilities will always be uppermost in my mind—accomplishment of my mission and the welfare of my Soldiers. I will strive to remain technically and tactically proficient. I am aware of my role as a noncommissioned officer. I will fulfill my responsibilities inherent in that role. All Soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership; I will provide that leadership. I know my Soldiers and I will always place their needs above my own. I will communicate consistently with my Soldiers and never leave them uninformed. I will be fair and impartial when recommending both rewards and punishment.

Officers of my unit will have maximum time to accomplish their duties; they will not have to accomplish mine. I will earn their respect and confidence as well as that of my Soldiers. I will be loyal to those with whom I serve; seniors, peers, and subordinates alike. I will exercise initiative by taking appropriate action in the absence of orders. I will not compromise my integrity, nor my moral courage. I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget that we are professionals, noncommissioned officers, leaders!

CSM
CORNER



The 310th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) Best Warrior competition was held at Ft. A.P. Hill, Va., from 26 February to 2 March 2016 to select the best Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) and Junior Soldier in the command. The Best Warrior in both the NCO and Soldier categories will go on to compete at the next level competition at the 377th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC). The Army's Best Warrior Competition is considered the "Super Bowl" of competitions for Soldiers of the Army Reserve.

The Warriors who competed in this year's competition represent a broad spectrum of Soldiers across the command. The 310th ESC has over 7000 Soldiers assigned to the Command, and 17 of our finest Warriors accepted the challenge to compete for this prestigious title. The competition gives recognition to Soldiers who demonstrate commitment to the Army Values, embody the Warrior Ethos, and represent the Force of the Future.

During the six-day competition, the competitors were tested on their Army aptitude in the areas of urban warfare simulations, the Army Physical Fitness Test, written exams, M9 and M16 weapons qualification, Land Navigation and Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills relevant to today's operating environment. The Warriors were also tasked with a written essay on a subject that is current and affecting the Army today.

In addition, Warriors in the competition completed an 8 mile forced road march with their weapon, full complement of gear, and a 35 pound ruck sack. This grueling event was preceded by some hard-fought bracketed combative matches. The competition culminated with an appearance board where the Warriors were interviewed by a panel of Senior NCOs on relevant Army subject matter.

The Best Warrior Competition is an extremely important event for our future Leaders - the Soldiers, the Command, and the Army Reserve. It builds confidence in Soldiers, enhances Esprit De Corps in units, and it allows the Warriors who compete to share their experience with the other Soldiers in their units to get them interested in competing in the next year's competition. The competition is also important as a Retention tool, because it gives Soldiers an opportunity to showcase their Warrior skills and Army aptitude. It challenges Soldiers and is a valuable component of the Warrior Ethos in building a culture of Professional Excellence in the Army Reserve and the 310th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary). The Best Warrior Competition brings out the best in each of our Warriors and the competition will be around for a very long time.

THE BOARD



TASK: Effectively communicate to Senior NCO board

CONDITION: Given an ASU uniform and board of Senior Non-commissioned Officers

STANDARD: Demonstrate breadth of knowledge, appearance, and communication skills

RUCK MARCH



TASK: Complete an 8-mile ruck march

CONDITION: Given a ruck of at least 45 lbs, a rifle, and individual equipment

STANDARD: Demonstrate endurance and mental fortitude by completing ruck march in shortest amount of time possible



PARTNERSHIP



310th ESC 2016 Best Warrior Competition Partnership and Preparation

FORT A.P. HILL, Va. - Army Reserve Soldiers from around the 310th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) and the 3rd Transportation Brigade (Expeditionary) entered the ultimate test during the 310th ESC 2016 Best Warrior Competition, held from Feb. 26 through 2 March, 2016 here.

This year's Best Warrior Competition encountered freezing weather conditions, adding to the challenge for the Army Reserve Soldiers competing in this year's BWC. The Soldiers and non-commissioned officers competed in events starting with the Army Physical Fitness Test, Army Warrior Task testing, a written essay, and a written exam on day one of the Best Warrior.

Day two of the competition began with the 9mm weapons range and the M16 weapons range, followed with combined day and night land navigation. ranges

Day three continued with the combatives competition, a react to ambush simulator test, and an 8-mile ruck march that began with a ride in a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter.

The event culminated on day four with participating Soldiers appearing before the command sergeant major board as the final event.

But the 2016 event is remarkable because of the extensive cooperation and partnership between the 310th ESC and the 3rd TBX in planning and conducting the competition. The two units combined efforts this year to hold the joint best warrior competition.

"We knew that the planning needed some work, so the 310th ESC and 3rd TBX came together to co-host the Best Warrior Competition," Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph L. Legra, senior enlisted adviser for the 3rd TBX said. "We were able to do this together and get more training for both units' Soldiers with less budget by combining efforts," continued Legra.

The 310th ESC and the 3rd TBX sent their top Soldiers and non-commissioned officer's to compete at the competition, but only two will go on to represent the units in the 377th Theater Sustainment Command Best Warrior Competition in May, 2016, where they will compete with other Soldiers from every major subordinate command.

"The Best Warrior Competition is the gateway for these Soldiers to move forward and compete in the next higher level event," said Command Sgt. Maj. Levi G. Maynard. "If they succeed at this level, they have shown that the rigorous training they went through has prepared them to be the best, not just at the Best Warrior Competition, but as NCO's and future leaders," continued Maynard.

Preparation for the 310th ESC 2016 Best Warrior Competition began months before the actual event. The Soldiers competing for the best warrior cannot use time during their full time occupations to train, for the most part. Most of the Soldiers sacrificed countless hours of personal time to physical fitness, Warrior Task proficiency training, and weapons training.

"Preparing for the competition takes a lot of dedication," said Sgt. Monique D. Smalls, from HHC, 359th Transportation Battalion, 3rd TBX, "It's not easy; you have to combine your daily life and preparing for the competition." "There's a lot of balance necessary to train up for BWC," said Smalls. "It challenges you with a lot of stress; a lot of us have school, work full time and want to do well with our military obligation too, so it's good stress because it makes you push yourself to your full potential.

The Soldiers who compete in this year's best warrior competition also bring the knowledge and experience they gain in preparation and competition back with them.

APFT



TASK: Complete and pass the Army Physical Fitness Test

CONDITION: Given a 1/2 mile track and testing procedures
IAW FM 21-20

STANDARD: Demonstrate muscular and cardiovascular
endurance in the pushup, situp, and 2 mile run events

MARKSMANSHIP



TASK: Engage Targets with an M9/M16 series weapon

CONDITION: Given a loaded M9/M16 weapon, individual
combat equipment and stationary/moving targets

STANDARD: Detect, identify as threat, and engage with weapon
in assigned sector of fire

SOLDIER SKILLS



TASK: Complete Army Warrior Tasks, skill levels 1 and 2

CONDITION: Given necessary equipment for each station

STANDARD: Demonstrate breadth of knowledge in regard to Soldier skills

ESSAY & EXAM



TASK: Complete the written exam based on broad topic and the essay based on surprise topic

CONDITION: Display competency in Soldier Skills and the capability to communicate in a controlled setting

STANDARD: Demonstrate breadth of knowledge and written communication skills

COMBATIVES



TASK: Compete in hand-to-hand combat

CONDITION: Given combatives training and a trained referee

STANDARD: Dominate the enemy using basic fighting strategy, achieving dominant position and finishing the fight.